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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application

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10/25/00 Exam Reversible Immobilization of Arginine-Tagged

Moieties On A Silicate Surface

## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 29, 2003 OFFICE ACTION

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February 9, 2004

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed December 29, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application. Since this response is submitted within two months of the mailing date of a final Office Action, it is timely to provoke an Advisory action.

To expedite prosecution, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to call the undersigned before drafting another written communication, if any. Please amend the application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this communication.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this communication.